

# One Hundred Third Congress of the United States of America

## AT THE FIRST SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday,  
the fifth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-three*

### Joint Resolution

Designating the week beginning November 14, 1993, and the week beginning  
November 13, 1994, each as "Geography Awareness Week".

Whereas geography is the study of people and their planet, offering  
a framework for understanding ourselves, our interdependence  
with other peoples, our relationship to the Earth, and world  
events;

Whereas the United States has both worldwide involvements and  
influence that demand an understanding of geography, different  
cultures, and foreign languages;

Whereas a thorough knowledge of geography, different cultures,  
and foreign languages is essential to maintain the Nation's statu-  
re in the international community in matters of business, poli-  
tics, the environment, and global events;

Whereas a geographic perspective is needed to understand the  
relationship between human activity and the condition of our  
planet in this time of increasing environmental problems;

Whereas our Nation's Governors, in their National Education Goals,  
explicitly identified geography along with English, mathematics,  
science, and history as the 5 core subjects in which American  
students should demonstrate competency;

Whereas world standards are being developed as benchmarks for  
student performance in each of the core subjects identified in  
the National Education Goals; and

Whereas a knowledge of world geography is essential for citizens  
of the United States to assume a responsible role in the future  
of an increasingly interconnected and interdependent world: Now,  
therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the  
United States of America in Congress assembled, That the week  
beginning November 14, 1993, and the week beginning November  
13, 1994, each be designated as "Geography Awareness Week",*

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and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such weeks with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

*Vice President of the United States and  
President of the Senate.*